CHART 23: UNEXPECTED NEWS

OPERATING
Seikai University
PITUITARY FORCEPS!
HIS BRAIN IS SOMEWHAT INFLAMED... CHECK HIS RESPIRATION...
GIVE HIM AN INTRACRANIAL DEPRESSOR!
HIS INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE IS SLIGHTLY RISING...

MICRO-SCOPE READY! HERE I GO!!
THIS IS IT...
EXTRACTION COMPLETE!!
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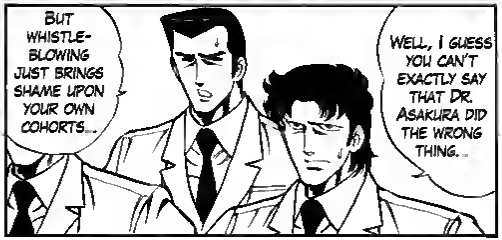
HE DID IT!
HE DID IT... IT'S A SUCCESS!!
I'LL LET YOU HANDLE THE FINAL PROCEDU-RES!
THAT WAS IMPRES-SIVE...
HE'S GOT SUCH TRE-MENDOUS SKILL!!

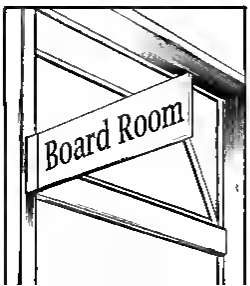
HMPF!
WHOA...
サッ!!
HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT DR. ASAKURA'S OPERATION TODAY.?
OF COURSE I DID! HE HANDLED A DIFFICULT PATIENT WITHOUT A CARE...
FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THERE'S NO ONE AT SEIKAI UNIVERSITY WHO CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO DR. ASAKURA.
HE'S GOT SKILLS THAT COULD'VE GOTTEN HIM FAR IN THE WORLD!
BUT..
HE'S GOING TO BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER FOREVER
IF ONLY HE HADN'T DONE THAT..
HE WOULD'VE STAYED HIS COURSE FOR SUCCESS.. AND EARNED HIS TENURE AS A PROFESSOR IN THE FUTURE!

DR. A OF THE UNIVERSITY BLOWS THE WHISTLE!
Selling Organs on the Black Market for Profit!!
Seikau University Professor Involved in Organ Trafficking!!
Medical Ethics Called Into Question!

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL HONESTY TO A FAULT


BUT WHISTLE-BLOWING JUST BRINGS SHAME UPON YOUR OWN COHORTS...
WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN'T EXACTLY SAY THAT DR. ASAKURA DID THE WRONG THING..

FROM WHAT I HEAR, THE EXECUTIVES ARE PRETTY ENRAGED AT HIM AS WELL.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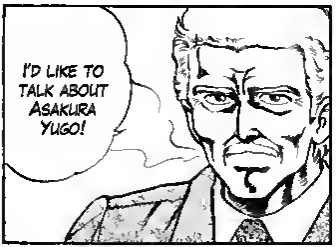
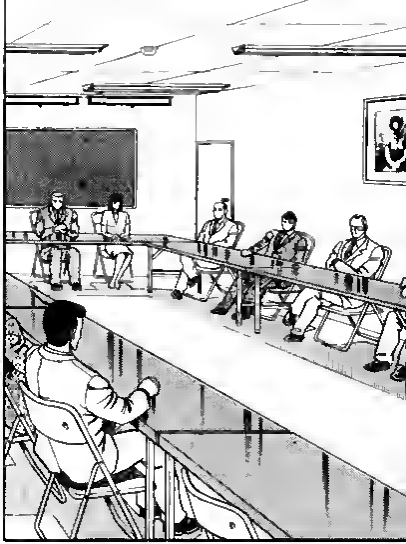
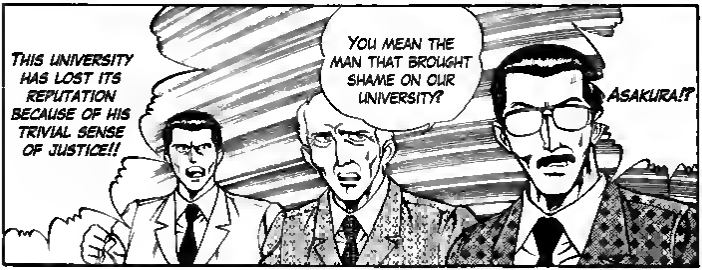
WE COULD END UP GETTING DRAGGED INTO HIS MESS IF WE ASSOCIATE WITH HIM.

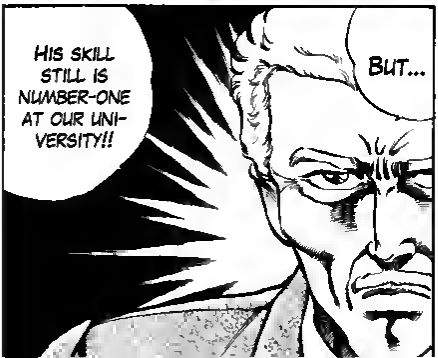
WITH THAT ATTITUDE OF HIS, HE'LL BE AN ORDINARY RESIDENT FOR LIFE..

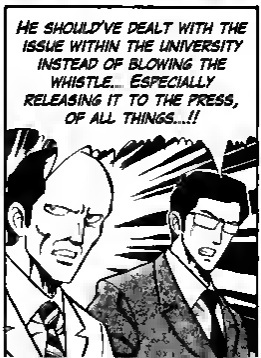
NOW... FOR TODAY'S AGENDA...


I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ASAKURA YUGO!




THIS UNIVERSITY HAS LOST ITS REPUTATION BECAUSE OF HIS TRIVIAL SENSE OF JUSTICE!!
YOU MEAN THE MAN THAT BROUGHT SHAME ON OUR UNIVERSITY?
ASAKURA!?


HIS SKILL STILL IS NUMBER-ONE AT OUR UNIVERSITY!!
BUT...


HE SHOULD'VE DEALT WITH THE ISSUE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY INSTEAD OF BLOWING THE WHISTLE... ESPECIALLY RELEASING IT TO THE PRESS, OF ALL THINGS...!!

MAY HAVE BEEN GOING TOO FAR.
IT'S TRUE THAT BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON HIS DIRECT SUPERIOR FOR BEING INVOLVED IN ORGAN TRAFFICKING...
PLUS, HIS MINDSET IS QUITE ADMIRABLE.
ASAKURA'S SURGICAL SKILLS HAVE DEVELOPED TO A GLOBAL LEVEL.
IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO KEEP SUCH TALENT AS HIS BURIED FOREVER!!
THAT SAID..
I NOMINATE HIM AS CHIEF OF SURGERY!
SO WHAT IS THAT CHANCE GOING TO BE, PRESIDENT!?
I SEE... SO YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE...
CHIEF OF SURGERY!?
I WILL HAVE HIM BE THE MANAGER OF THE ENTIRE SURGICAL DEPARTMENT!

AND TO THE WORLD.
KEEPING HIM BURIED WOULD BE TOO GREAT A LOSS TO THE UNIVERSITY,
I AM GOING TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE TO TAKE CENTER STAGE!
BY APPOINTING HIM AS CHIEF OF SURGERY..
HE'S PROBABLY COOLED HIS HEAD BY NOW.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL YOU'RE BEING SOFT ON HIM.
BUT...
NOW, DON'T BE THAT WAY!
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I'M SORRY, DR TAKASHINA,
FOR ASKING YOU TO BABYSIT...
AHA!
AHA!
HAHAHAHA... YOU'RE SUCH A BIG STRONG BOY!!
THANK GOODNESS! UP YOU GO!!
DAAAAAA!
NO, I DON'T MIND AT ALL!
I REALLY LOVE CHILDREN...
OW, OW, OW, OW, OW...!!
BDAAAAAAH!!
HAHAHA! YOU SAID IT...
I SWEAR... YOU'D NEVER GUESS THAT HE ONCE SUFFERED FROM FETAL HYDROCEPHALUS...
HE'S MY IRREPLACEABLE TREASURE..
HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT THEM BOTH...!!
I...
TO KILLING HIM FOR AN EXPERIMENT.
AND WE CAME SO CLOSE...

I WOULDN'T STAND FOR MY PROFESSOR TRAFFICKING ORGANS! I WOULD'VE BLOWN THE WHISTLE, TOO!!
BUT YOU DID THE RIGHT THING!!
ONLY THAT'S HOW YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT YOUR PROFESSOR'S SECRET.
ASAKURA...
HEHEHEHE... BUT BLOWING THE WHISTLE COST ME MY POSITION.
MAYBE...
WELL, YOU COULD AT LEAST GET SOME MONEY IF YOU OPENED UP A PRIVATE PRACTICE!
THEY DON'T EVEN ALLOW ME TO CONDUCT ANY RESEARCH. BUT I DON'T REGRET A THING! I'VE GAINED SOMETHING FAR BETTER THAN STATUS AT THE UNIVERSITY!!
DIDN'T YOUR WIFE'S FATHER FALL ILL RECENTLY? AND DOESN'T HE NEED A LOT TO COVER THE MEDICAL BILL?
WITH YOUR SKILL, YOU COULD BE THE KING OF YOUR CASTLE! YOU'LL BE RAKING IN MONEY!!

IT'S TRUE THAT MY FATHER-IN-LAW'S NOT DOING VERY WELL... AND THE MORE MONEY I HAVE, THE BETTER...
BUT TAKASHINA!! I WANT TO DO MY OWN RESEARCH!!
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.
BUT DON'T WORRY! I'LL MANAGE IT SOMEHOW!!
IT'S TRUE THAT HE CAN'T DO ANY MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS AS A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER..
YOU REALLY ARE A MEDICAL RESEARCHER, THROUGH AND THROUGH...
I JUST CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU...
RRRRRR...
HONEY! IT'S FROM THE UNI-VERSITY!
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HELLO! YES, THIS IS ASAKURA.
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R... REALLY !?
I...I UNDERSTAND... THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
WHAT'S HAPPENED ?
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H...HEY! TAKASHINA! IT'S HAPPENED!!
C... CHIEF OF SURGERY ...!?
I'VE...
BEEN NOMINA-TED AS CHIEF OF SURGERY!!

AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING AND ACCEPT THE NOMINATION!
THEY'RE HAVING A BOARD MEETING TOMORROW WHERE THEY'LL FORMALLY DECIDE THAT!!
WAY TO GO!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU CAN DO ALL THE RESEARCH YOU WANT AT THE CENTER STAGE OF THE UNIVERSITY AGAIN!!
IF YOU BECOME CHIEF OF SURGERY, YOUR SALARY WON'T BE TOO SHABBY...
DEHEHE HEHEHE HEHE .
YEAH!! YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, HAVE YOU?
I SHOULD MAKE US A MEAL TO CELEBRATE!! WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN US, DR. TAKASHIHA?
THANKS .
THANK GOODNESS, ASAKURA... I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU...

IT'S ALRIGHT! YOU'RE WELCOME HERE ANYTIME YOU WANT!

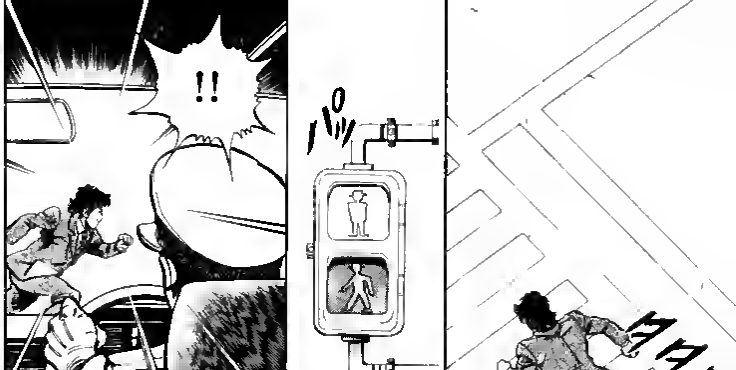
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I WASN'T PLANNING ON STAYING THE NIGHT...

!
GOODBYE! BEST OF LUCK, CHIEF OF SURGERY!!

CAN I OFFER YOU A RIDE?
NO, IT'S FINE I'M MEETING SOMEONE NEARBY HERE.

H...HEY, NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL!

THAT TAKA-SHINA...
STOP IT. YOU'RE EM-BARRASSING ME!!
THREE CHEERS FOR THE CHIEF OF SURGERY! HURRAH!!
HURRAH! HURRAH!!
I'VE GOTTA HURRY...
AL-RIGHT, NOW...
AND I'M RUNNING LATE!!
I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET UP WITH K THIS MORNING...
THAT K'S GONNA BE PRETTY ANGRY...
I'LL BET...
I'D LIKE TO GET YOUR ADVICE ON ONE OF MY PATIENTS...
IT WOULD BE REAL RUDE IF I CALLED HIM UP ONLY TO SHOW UP LATE!
I CAN MAKE IT!!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ASAKURA
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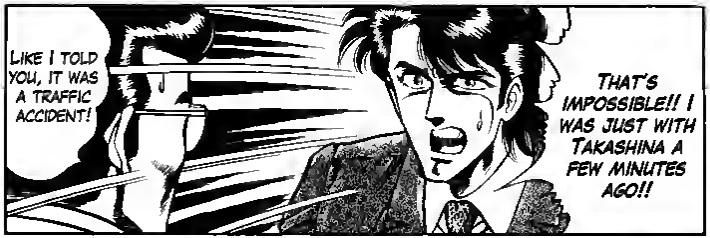
DAMMIT! I HIT HIM!!
GFFF FGH...!!

SOME-BODY CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!!
THAT LOOKS AWFUL!!
!?
SOMEBODY GOT HIT SQUARE-ON BY A CAR!!
THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT !!
AN ACCIDENT ...?
...T...!!
COMING THROUGH!
EXCUSE ME.
I DON'T THINK HE'D MIND IF I WAS A FEW MINUTES LATE...

TAKASHINA GOT IN AN ACCIDENT!?


LIKE I TOLD YOU, IT WAS A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! I WAS JUST WITH TAKASHINA A FEW MINUTES AGO!!

K... YOU MEAN THAT DRIFTER-SURGEON!?
K... THAT'S K!! HE'S WITH K!!
TALL MAN WITH A CAPE?
I HEAR THAT A TALL MAN WITH A CAPE TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL...

I CAN'T STAND THE GUY MYSELF, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT HE'S A GENIUS HE'S IN GOOD HANDS.
ISN'T K SUPPOSED TO BE A DRIFTING MEDICAL PRODIGY?
HE'LL BE FINE IF K'S WITH HIM!
WELL, TAKASHINA'S ONE LUCKY SON OF A GUN!! GUESS I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING!!
HE'LL MAKE IT THROUGH IF HE'S WITH K...
WELL, THAT'S A SILVER LINING, ALRIGHT.
HEAD AND STOMACH...!? THE DURA MATER... AND THE INTESTINES...!?
BECAUSE I HEAR THAT TAKASHINA'S INJURED HIS HEAD AND HIS STOMACH...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...!!
SEVERE INJURIES TO THE HEAD AND STOMACH !?

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MAFUNE KAZUO
THIS SCAPEL TATSES LIKE FREEDOM!!
THAT'S IT NO MORE STALLONE MOVIE MARATHONS K, YOU REMEBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME.
PRESENTED BY HOKUTO NO GUN
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